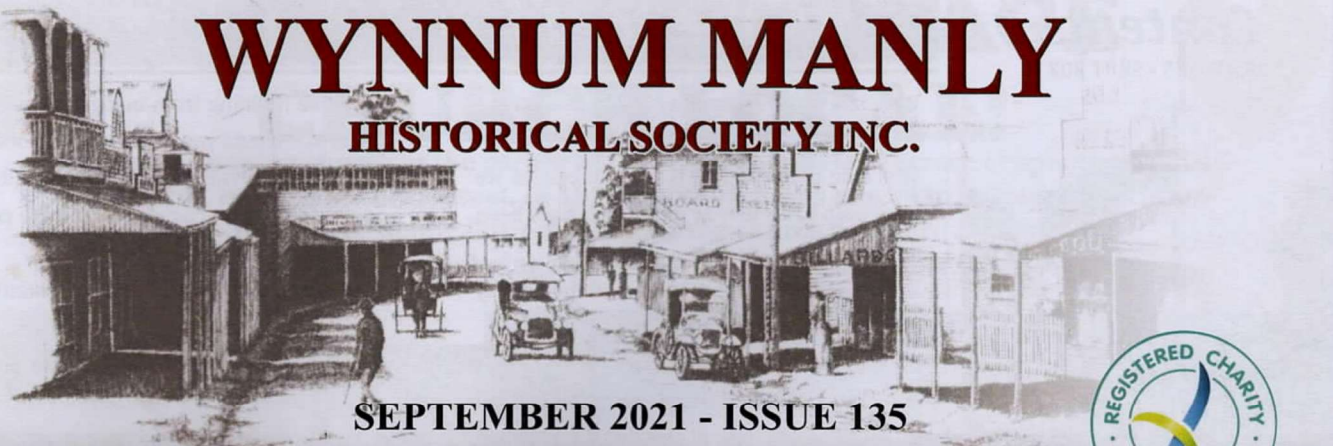


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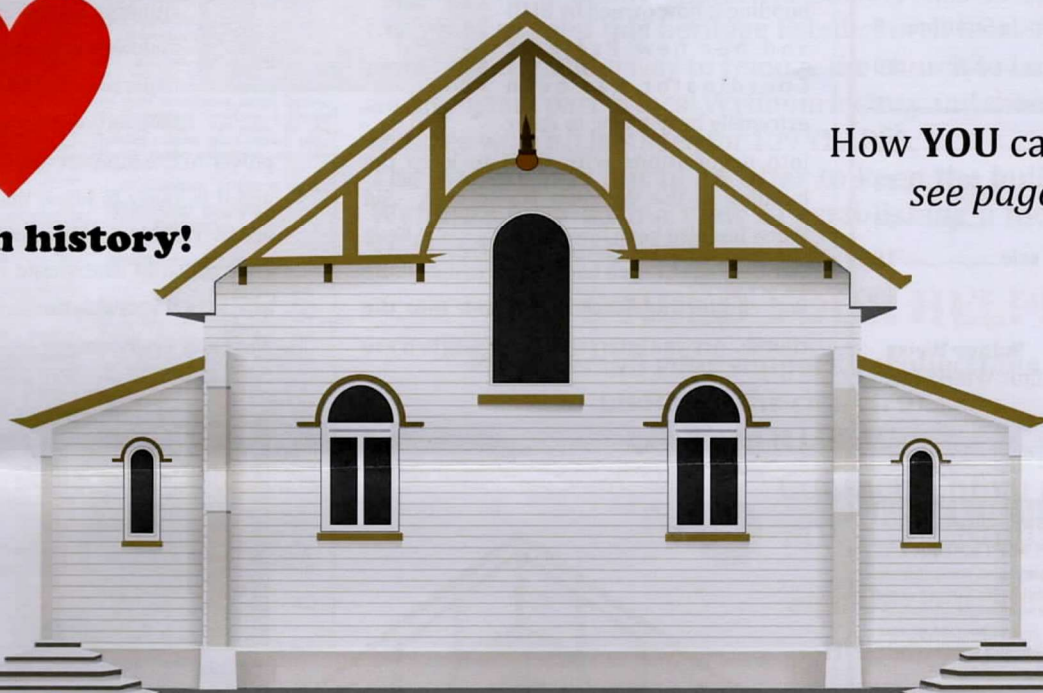


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From the President

Welcome to our September 2021 newsletter.

Welcome to Spring! It is hard to believe we have even had a winter as the days have been so pleasant.

On a sad note, five members of the Society attended the funeral of our late life member and past president, Noela Stratton, on 26 August 2021. It was a lovely service celebrating Noela's very busy and full life she had led. Rest in Peace Noela.

Did you know that it is proposed that the old Baptist Church building on the corner of Bay Terrace and Clara Street is to be relocated to Logan! This 109 year old Brisbane City Council heritage listed building has stood in its current location since 1930. The land and building is now owned by BMD and our new Projects Coordinator has been extremely busy trying to enter into negotiations with BMD to keep the building in the Wynnum Manly area. Sid Weiss has also been busy creating some Keep Our Heritage Church Local flyers to distribute and conducting further research into the church. Are you interested in helping to try to

save this building from being removed from the area? Would you like to see it relocated to a site within Wynnum Manly to be used as the Society's headquarters? If so, please contact Chiharu.

I am concluding my column this month with a happy news story. Back in the November 2010 (Issue No 28) newsletter, I published an article about my time as a marching girl and asked if anyone knew what had become of one of my team mates, Diane Lorberg. Well some 11 years later and totally out of the blue, I received an email from Di herself. Her sister had come across my article whilst doing a search on the internet and passed it onto Di. I am so excited now to know that contact has resumed with my long lost friend (who is now residing in Sydney) and once the Covid situation is behind us all, we will be making arrangements to meet again in person. So the moral of the story for everyone is - never give up! The

power of the internet and Google is amazing and it is lovely to know that our newsletters are far reaching. If you too have lost contact with someone and would like to publish an article in the newsletter, you just never know what may eventuate.



Till next month,



Sandy

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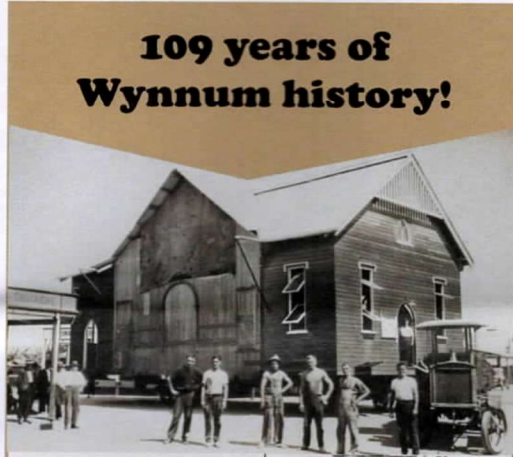
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KEEP OUR HERITAGE CHURCH LOCAL!



The former Baptist church at the corner of Clara Street and Bay Terrace originated from a church built in 1912 in Edith Street. In 1930 the church was moved to its current location in Bay Terrace. Brisbane City Council lists the church as a heritage building. However, the risk of it being removed from Wynnum is now very real!



109 years of Wynnum history!

25th Anniversary Of Baptist Church At Wynnum

WYNNUM, March 8.
The Wynnum Baptist Church is celebrating its 25th anniversary during this week. The proceedings began with church services on Sunday and will end with a public meeting on Friday evening.

In 1910 the pastor of the Peirce Terrace Baptist Church, Rev. T. U. Simmonds, commenced the Baptist services in Wynnum, and arranged for a continuation under the leadership of a lay preacher, Mr. F. Harbottle.

On November 5 of that year the Wynnum and Manly Baptist Mission was constituted, and in September of the following year Mr. Robert Horne became the first lay pastor of the mission.

On December 21, 1912 a new church building was opened and the first services were conducted by Rev. W. T. Dart. In March, 1914, a proposal was made to the Home Mission Committee that Wynnum and Coorparoo should be amalgamated under one minister stationed at Wynnum, but Coorparoo did not agree with the proposal. Wynnum had to rely on its own resources and a call was sent for a pastor. After four months Rev. R. Loughlan was appointed the first pastor of the church. In 1915 he enlisted in the A.I.F. and was killed in action.

On October 22 of that year Rev. A. Jolly was appointed to the vacant charge, and he continued a successful ministry until 1917, when he was appointed to take charge of the church in Buswood, N.S.W. He was followed by Rev. J. Johnston, who officiated for three years. Rev. Gray A. Parker took charge in July, 1920, and conducted a successful ministry for over 15 years, until he was called to Inawit. He was followed by Rev. Roland Smith, who is still in charge of the church.

Telegraph 8 March 1939

News clips courtesy of Trove NLA
Photos courtesy of Brisbane City Council

WYNNUM GARDEN PARTY.

The young ladies of the Wynnum Baptist Church were responsible for the arrangements of the garden party, held in the grounds of Irene, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sands on Tuesday night. The function was to mark the 21st anniversary of the church. Mrs. Sands assisted the young ladies.

THE pastor (the Rev. G. A. Parker), Meadames Parker and Sands received the guests, who numbered more than 200. On the flag-decked lawns croquet, clock golf, and archery were played. Mrs. C. Rickwood's concert party contributed songs, dances, and elocutionary items, and a display of club-swinging was made by the Wynnum Central State School girls. Mr. G. Sands supervised the programme.

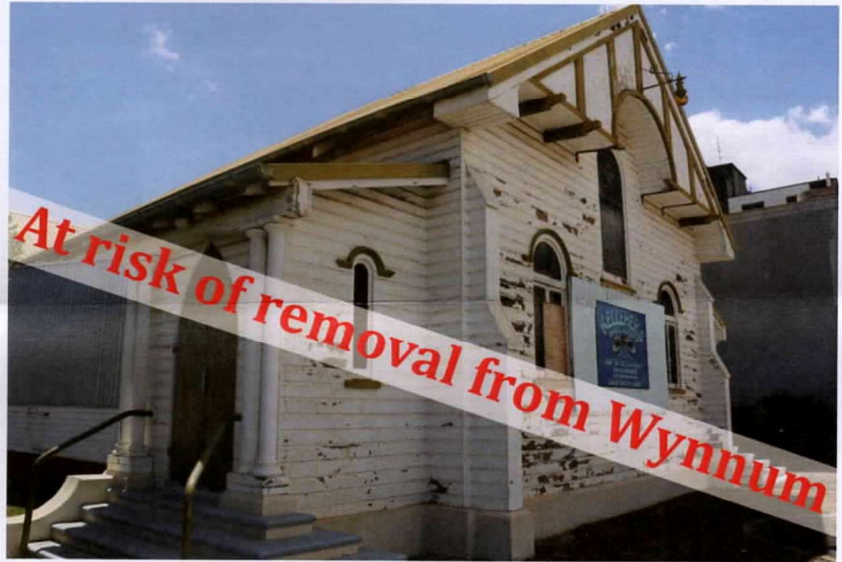
Daily Standard, 21 March 1935.

WYNNUM BAPTIST CHURCH.

STUMP-CAPPING CEREMONY.

A very successful stump-capping ceremony in connection with the Wynnum Baptist Church extension was held at the church, Edith-street, Wynnum South, on Saturday afternoon. The chair was taken by Mr. W. H. Smith, Vice-President of the Queensland Baptist Association, who congratulated the church on its forward move. The Pastor of the church, the Rev. G. A. Parker, welcomed the chairman, and explained the proposed improvements. Other speakers were Miss Clark (foreign missionary from Pulis, India), Mr. W. H. Barnes, A.M. W. L. Dart, Rev. N. S. Shand (Church of England), the Rev. M. Pagan (Methodist). Prizes were capped by the chairman and numerous friends present. The collection amounted to £41/10. Music was provided by the Sunday school scholars and refreshments by the Christian Endeavour Society and Ladies' Guild. The proposed improvements are the construction of a Sunday school or justice hall, and Pastor's vestry at the rear of the church. The estimated cost of the work is £200.

Brisbane Courier, 1 June 1925



The Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc. is spearheading attempts to keep this heritage listed church local. Negotiations are currently underway to remove the church to Logan, but it is an important part of local Wynnum history and should remain in the area where it has been for 109 YEARS!

The society has put in an offer to keep the building in the Wynnum area with a view of establishing a local heritage and resource centre but.....

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please email your support, recollections and photos of the church to.....

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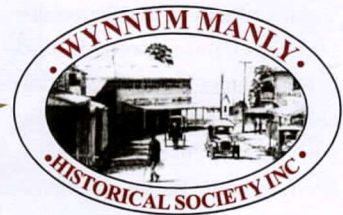
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Please don't let them remove 109 years of Wynnum history!

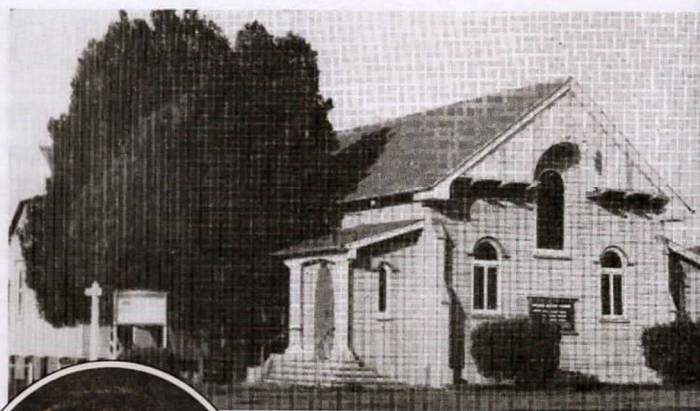
Wynnum Baptist Church

Early meetings, informal as they were, of early Wynnum Baptists occurred in the Shire Clerks cottage, Tingal Road, in November 1910. As the Baptists began to further organise themselves they hired the Shire Hall for weekly Sunday evening meetings, the cost of the weekly rent being 1/6d. The group chose to name themselves "Wynnum Manly Baptist Mission"⁽¹⁾.

These early services of the Wynnum Baptist Congregation were under the direction of Rev. T. U. Symonds who was the pastor of the Petrie Terrace Baptist Church in Brisbane. Rev. Symonds held these series of evangelistic Shire hall services before arranging for their continuance under the leadership of a lay preacher by the name of Mr. F. Harbottle. Mr Harbottle was the proprietor of a Brisbane bicycle repair shop and on three Sundays a month pedaled to Wynnum to preach to a congregation of about 15 people. September 1911 saw Mr. Robert Horne become the first lay pastor and it is recorded that he carried on very successful work before he took up oversight of the Church at Fairfield⁽²⁾.

In July 1912 arrangements for a building in Edith Street were completed and the contract was placed in the hand of Mr. J. L. Sands, Senior. The Church was officially opened on Saturday the 21st December 1912, the preacher being Rev. W. T. Dart. In January of 1914 the fledgling church drew up a constitution and founding members were Arthur Adams, Florence Adams, Isabella Broadfoot, Molly Broadfoot, Ester Sands, Joe Sands, Mabel Highlett, Olive Krummel, Jane Machin and Jane Blackburn.

It was July 1914 when Rev. Robert. Lauchlan, a Scotsman, became the first pastor of the church, but it wasn't until the following September he was welcomed. His departure from Lake's Creek was well attended and it was duly noted that he was an extremely humble brother; but he seemed to have a happy way of getting on⁽³⁾. In addition it was said that in a short time the 'people of the south' would know what they had gained. By this time Wynnum had grown from a shire to a town and with it the population and therefore, so did the number of Baptist Church parishioners. On the 10th April of 1916 the clergyman enlisted in the great war, just shy of his 28th birthday, choosing to enter the A.I.F. as a soldier and not as a chaplain. He embarked for the Western Front at Brisbane on 19th September 1916 aboard *HMAT Seang Choon A49* and, as a Private, joined the 52nd Australian Infantry Battalion, 13th Brigade, 4th Division in France. The 52nd fought in its first major battle at Mouquet Farm on 3rd September; suffering heavy casualties - 50 per cent of its fighting strength. Early in 1917, the battalion participated in the advance that followed the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line, and attacked at Noreuil on 2nd April. AIF operations then moved to the Ypres sector at Flanders, Belgium, where the 52nd was involved in the Battle of Messines between 7th and 12th June. It was on the first day of this battle that Private Lauchlan killed in action on the 7th of June 1917⁽⁴⁾. His name appears on the roll of honour of the Baptist City Tabernacle, Brisbane. Additionally Robert Lauchlan's name is located at panel 155 in the Commemorative Area at the



REV. R. LAUCLAN,
1914 - 1915.



Mum, Joyce Dodd, Valma Curry,
June Kantor, Joan Dodd.
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REV. A. JOLLY,
1914 - 1917.



REV. JAS. JOHNSTON,
1917 - 1920.



My Dad on the right Dawson Ray
with his brother Neil Ray outside
the church before the wedding, 9th
October 1948.



REV. GRAY A. PARKER,
1920 - 1935.

Photo supplied by Barbara Roger Williams



Australian War Memorial, Canberra; and at Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Flanders, Belgium⁽⁵⁾.

A Baptist Church winter fete was held in the school of arts on the 26th June 1915 being opened by Mr. H.C. M'Minn, M.L.A.. Mr J Sands stated in the Brisbane Courier that "he regretted that they had to hold the fete during these strenuous times, but it had been arranged 12 months ago. It had been postponed two or three times, and as the goods had been donated to the church, they, with reluctance, decided to hold the fete." Mr. M'Minn, in the course of his remarks, referred to the loss Wynnum had sustained in the death of Sergeant Woodhouse⁽⁶⁾.

During the Pastorate of Rev. Johnson Wynnum as indeed other districts suffered very considerably with pneumonic influenza. Mr. Johnson's work during the epidemic was such that the public showed their appreciation by presenting him with a Testimonial and Complementary Social on his leaving the district⁽⁷⁾. Bound for Goulburn NSW, a public farewell was held in the Wynnum Town Hall on the 16th July 1920, at which the Mayor Alderman Russell 'presented the guest with an illuminated address and a wallet of notes'⁽⁸⁾.

Improvements were made to the church by the addition of school hall and Pastor's vestry and it is at this time that the opportunity was taken by many to show their appreciation of the church and their pastor by gifts, among which were the Vestry furnishing and Pulpit appointments.

On the 15th of January, 1930, Mr and Mrs. E.R. Humphreys very generously offered the church two valuable allotments on the corner of Clara Street and Bay Terrace, a site on which the church still stands to this day. Conditions were placed on the gift that ...

"the Church should be removed thereto and that the land should be the permanent site of the Wynnum Baptist Church"⁽⁹⁾.

So it was the church was removed from Edith Street, creating a much documented spectacle as it was hauled down Bay Terrace in two sections⁽¹⁰⁾.

And so the church has sat proudly there for some 90 years, although it must be noted the last ten has seen this local icon sadly neglected. Although offered to various organisations a decade ago, moved and delivered free by the developer, nobody it seems saw its value at the time. A burden and just too much work. Like so many things in life, sometimes you don't realise what you have lost until its too late. The WMHS Inc does not want to see the local community lose this important piece of Wynnum Manly History.

Your Say...

I was baptised there 56 years ago, many memories, please keep it local. it certainly should remain part of Wynnum History

Patricia Mcilroy

It shouldn't be allowed to be moved. I remember the church well. Many of my family attended that church.

Audrey Henderson

Attended Girl Brigade here for years with my younger Sisters

Michelle Sorensen

Stop removing the character buildings with historic pasts in our community. The architecture of these past beauties adds interest and joy to our eclectic lifestyle. Think of all the best suburbs to live in Brisbane, these suburbs have kept their historic shopfronts and community halls and have re invented their purpose. If I could I would restore this hall and use it as a real art/wellbeing hub for the community. Wynnum has tried to do this with the old school but I am not sure whether they have pulled this off or not. This church is a beautiful old building. We need to love it and breathe life back into it

Cath Dwyer



Joyce Dodd and Dawson Ray, Wedding 9th October 1948.
Photo supplied by Barbara Roger Williams

(1) Mangroves to Moorings Revisited by Myrtle Beitz. (6) Brisbane Courier 28th June 1915, page 11.
 (2) Back to Wynnum January 21 to 29 1933. (7) Wynnum Baptist Church 50th L WM Rel W008
 (3) The Capricornian Rockhampton 5 Sept 1914, page 38. (8) The Brisbane Courier 20 Jul 1920 p15.
 (4) National Archives of Australia. NAA: B2455 (9) Back to Wynnum January 21 to 29 1933.
 (5) Virtual War Memorial | Robert LAUHLAN (vwma.org.au) (10) Mangroves to Moorings Revisited by Myrtle Beitz.



Manly Memorial Project

F. S. BRADBURY

BRADBURY - In loving memory of
our dear one, Private Frank Bradbury,
who died fighting for King and country.
4th October 1917.

He always had a pleasant word,
A smile where'er he went;
He had a kindly word for all,
And died beloved by all.
Inserted by Ida and Reg.

*Brisbane Courier, Thursday 4 October 1923, page 6
Courtesy of Trove NLA.*

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Special Guest Researcher and Writer

The 'Manly Project' special feature by Dr Richard Walding will continue in next months issue. The Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc wishes to thank Dr Walding for allowing us to print this work.

Frank Bradbury was the foster son of Charles and Martha Bradbury of Lota, Brisbane. He was born Francis Tuzzi on 21st June 1884 in the town of Lugano, Italy, in the district of Lombardy. After being orphaned at the age of 3, he came to Australia aboard the British India steamer Jumna in 1891 and landed in Brisbane. He was just 6 years old. He joined a foster family in the sugar town of Bundaberg. His foster parents were sugar mill engine driver Mr Charles Bradbury and his wife Martha. The Bradburys were originally from the town of Manchester in Lancashire in England. Charles Bradbury had married Martha Eccles in November 1868 and migrated to Australia a few years afterwards. After 6 months in Bundaberg young Frank Tuzzi and the Bradburys travelled to the sugar fields of Halifax (near Ingham) in North Queensland where the family lived at a home in McCrossan Street. During this time Frank Tuzzi received his schooling at the Halifax State School and later obtained a job with the local brewer and soft drink maker Halifax Aerated Water Manufacturers. Frank became naturalised in 1906 at the age of 22. He stayed on with the family in Halifax until they all moved to Ingham in about 1910 (Macknade Street) and thence to Brisbane in 1914 upon Charles's retirement at the age of 68. They purchased the house "Longsight" at the top of Ian Street (off Oceania Tce), Lota. It was while they were here that the European war broke out and Frank decided to enlist.

On the 20th March 1916, at the age of 31 years, Frank enlisted in the 42nd Battalion AIF. He listed Charles Bradbury as his next-of-kin, and Martha as the beneficiary in his will. Frank trained in Brisbane and left Australia for England on 5th June aboard the Borda, arriving on 23 July. After training in England for four months, Frank left Southampton on 25th of November 1916 by ship for France. However, a pre-existing medical condition developed into a hernia while he was in the trenches and Frank was sent back to England for recuperation. He had recovered by July 1917 and undertook more training with the 11th Training Battalion in England before rejoining his battalion in France in August. By the 22nd August 1917 Frank was in Belgium fighting at the front.

On the 4th of October, while fighting with 'C' Company, 9th Platoon at Ypres he was killed by a German gunshot. Frank's commanding officer said that "We gained our objective. He was buried". Along with the other four men killed that day he was buried at Bavaria House Cemetery. It was hoped that the bodies of these five Australians could be recovered from Bavaria House as soon as possible but it had been destroyed so badly by the enemy that recovery was impossible. A Special Memorial Cross was erected at White House St Jean, Belgium with the inscription "Their Glory should not be blotted out". His medals were sent to Charles and his other meagre possessions to Martha. A memorial notice was placed in the Brisbane Courier on 4th of October 1923 by Charles and Martha; it read...

As we loved you so we miss you,
In our memory you are near.
Loved, remembered, longed for always,
Through the intervening years.

Charles died in 1931 and Martha in 1937. They had no other children.

If anyone has further information on Frank Bradbury please contact Dr. Walding.

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Vale Noela
Joan Pease.

Joan Pease, our local MP for Lytton, dropped by last week and delivered a card in remembrance of Noela...

"Noela was a dedicated, kind and hardworking member of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society. I know that she will be terribly missed by you all. My sincere sympathies to you all"

Tower House (Blue House), Kingsley Terrace, Wynnum

Recently a call came in from the new owners. They have purchased, with the intent of renovating. They are searching for photos taken as the house was built. The House was constructed circa 1921 for businessman and philanthropist John Darnell. He christened the house "Tower House", and lived there until his death in 1930. The large house was converted into residential flats in 1946 for on-site residential proprietor and schoolteacher, Margaret Burge. This move was not unusual for owners of large houses after WWII. There were great problems of upkeep, and this was a means for single ladies to gain an income. The Burge family owned the property until 2002.

The house is a local landmark with a distinctive colour and silhouette. A light in its tower, together with a light below, in a Tower House at 6 Stratton Terrace, are said to have guided local fishermen into Wynnum Creek, when they were returning home after dark.

Does anybody have any early photographs of the Blue House? Please let me know.

Our Monday Volunteer

We are pleased to report that our "Monday Volunteer", Ian Wheeler, appeared to visit us last week. He is up on his feet again. Unfortunately, though, he now does not have his driving licence, so can only visit us when he can find a lift.



Till next time.

Jill

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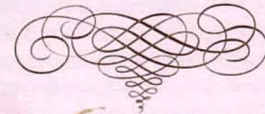
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Perhaps check with Jill, (0407 293 177) if you intend visiting us, to make sure that someone is in the Room.

Remembering Noela Stratton



I had the absolute pleasure of interviewing Noela for her oral history for the WMHS. In telling me her stories she was vibrant and proud. I could see the young woman she had been - brave and adventurous as she climbed trees, , trained her little dog, rode horses, and travelled abroad. She had fantastic stories. The one that really brought a sparkle to her eye was her adventure of climbing the highest tree in Manly, the one the boaties used to navigate into the bay, and attaching an Australian flag to the very top. It stayed there for years and later made its way to the Government house museum. Noela will be sadly missed but I hope her family can take some comfort in knowing that hers was a life very well lived.

Sharee Cordes

Was there ever an Historical Society event or outing that didn't include Noela, front and centre with her camera making sure there was a record for the archives?

Only to have Noela to raise her hand at a meeting down the track, "I am sure I have photos of that event or building."

I remember one of her stories of the time, as a youngster, she climbed a pine tree in the family garden, to hoist a Australian Flag at the very top of the tall tree. Apparently it reminded insitu for quite sometime.

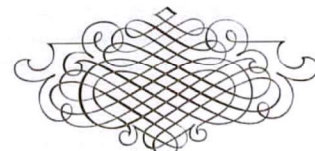
When Noela was on supper duty we knew we could look forward to an amazing cheese platter for supper.

"When an elder of our community dies, a library is lost and volumes of wisdom and knowledge are gone. (Elizabeth Kapu'uwailani Lindsey)"
Vale Noela

Deb Tearle

I first met Noela in the nineties when I started working at Wynnum Library. Over the years she has spoken several times at the Merv Beitz Room, helped me with many queries, and shared many chats and coffees. She was always involved and interested, active and attentive. It was sad to watch her age and decline but the old spark would still shine through. She will be sadly missed

Kate Harbison



Tributes continued overleaf

Noela joined the Society in 1991 before being elected onto the committee in 1999. In 2000 and 2001, she took on the role of Membership Coordinator. She served as the Society President in 2002 and 2003 before once again resuming her previous role as Membership Coordinator in 2004. She served in this role until 2010 when, in recognition of her many years of dedicated service to the Society, Noela became one of a select few awarded a Life Membership of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc. The following years Noela remained as a committee member until ill health forced her to retire from committee duties.

I first met Noela in 2001 when my daughter, Melissa, and I rolled up outside the Ambulance Museum thinking we were attending a general meeting (the first time we had ever been to one and before we became members) and wondering why no-one was there. Noela was the one who answered our tentative knocks on the door and very kindly pointed out that it was in fact a committee meeting taking place that night and not a general meeting. The funny part was that when Melissa and Noela saw each other, they started chatting like old friends. I had no idea what was going on until they informed me that they knew each other because my daughter worked for Noela's solicitor and Melissa had only recently been to Noela's house delivering some papers for signature! So despite our obvious embarrassment, Noela put us at ease and assured us that we would be welcome to attend the next general meeting and very kindly and gently pointed out where and when that would take place without making us feel even more foolish than we already felt.

My fondest memory of Noela is of her always having her camera at the ready and taking copious photos wherever we were. She was anointed as the unofficial photographer of the Society and she religiously took photos during our heritage bus tours and other events which were then published in our newsletters.

One of her crowning achievements for the Society was when "the bell" as it became commonly known by the committee at that time (it was in fact the old bell from the original Wynnum Fire Station - and that is another story altogether) was relocated to the new Wynnum Fire Station on Wynnum Road (opposite Wynnum Plaza). Noela arranged for not only the Queensland Fire & Rescue Service Deputy Commissioner but also the Governor of Queensland to officiate at the event.

Noela was a very dedicated, committed and enthusiastic supporter and member of the Society until the very end and she will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Rest in Peace Noela.

Sandy Liddle
President WMHS Inc.

Remembering Noela

MY FLAG

A TALK GIVEN BY NOELA STRATTON TO
THE WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL
SOCIETY INC
AT THE
QUEENSLAND AMBULANCE MUSEUM
AUDITORIUM
ON 18 OCTOBER 2012



Tonight this is a talk about MY FLAG - the particular piece of cloth that flew on many occasions over many years above our 82 foot (25 metre) hoop pine tree in a corner of our Walnut Street chooks yard beside the Masonic Hall - just the next street up the hill.

The story starts in 1945 with the end of W.W.2 or Victory in the Pacific. I can't find words that will adequately describe the relief and euphoria that everyone felt during this period, so I will not try. I felt that our family should do something suitable to mark such a huge occasion. I badgered my parents about getting a flag to fly at the top of our pine tree. To my surprise a short time later one appeared. It was what everyone then called a Union Jack and was the usual proportions - 1:2. This one was 3 feet high and 6 feet long, just the right size to fly from the top of our tree.

This, I was told, was the only flag design available and it was flown by all organisations, whether government or private. Although an Australian flag had been selected in 1901 by ways of a public competition which attracted thousands of entries, the Union Flag was still our country's official flag. The Australian flag did not become our official flag until 1953.

I have only recently discovered that all these years I have been committing a "crime of protocol". We should have been calling this flag "the Union Flag." If the same piece of material with the appropriate design is flown on land it is called a "Union Flag". If it is flown from either the stem or stern of a ship at sea it is called a "Union Jack".

If it is flown up-side-down it becomes a distress signal. I must comment that on the several times I have seen an up-side-down flag flying all day there have been absolutely no signs of panic.

To get back to MY flag:

As part of the process of obtaining a flag, I had already worked out the mechanics of how it would be flown. In that wonderful storage space that beams under all old Queenslanders have, was a length of gas pipe about ----- long with a small curved branch pipe about half way along ideal for hooking around the trunk of the tree which was very small high up. This, plus a few short pieces of rope and the flag was all I needed.

For the next 20 + years it was flown whenever a worthwhile excuse could be found - Australia Days, Anzac Days, Queens Birthdays, Christmas/New Year, visits from foreign dignitaries and special occasions of any type. Once up, it stayed there for from one to several weeks. It was impracticable to take it down each night as, according to protocol, it should have been.

While flying, it was subjected to all weathers. You all know how strongly the wind blows here. I'm still amazed at how well the flag stood up to it all.

One day Eric and I decided to have a race to see who could touch the very tip of the tree and return to the ground fastest. I did it in 1' 56". Eric did it in 58" but he cheated - he fell through two layers. Still breathless - thump his back - hard. The tree could be seen from miles away and I believe was used by boating people as a mark. The view from the top was stupendous. At night planes could be seen landing and taxi-ing at the old Eagle Farm airport and the Bay was beautiful at all times.

All this was good enough but watching a flag fly was not our idea of activity. Can't remember who first suggested it but Eric and I started to talk about a swing.

It took amazingly little persuasion to get us permission to sling a swing from near the top. With our parents permission we removed the branches from one side of the tree, measured the length of rope and Dad bought it for us. (Later that year we had the most fantastic Guy Fawkes night bonfire. The pine tree branches burnt like fury.) Somehow Eric, my brother, was never around when there was something serious to do, so it was left to me to assemble the swing.

(Describes swing.)

Rope breaking and used at half length.

I could never understand why my mother often told friends that when we started to play in the trees, she found something to do at the other end of the house - until I had children of my own.

Do you remember the 35mm craze? Along with everyone else I acquired a camera and took thousands of slides. This is one of them.

By now the Australian flag was the one

Stratton



Taken c. 1945



Noela Stratton 2014 Bribie Island.
Photo Lena McCreadie

that should be flown and the old Union Flag was showing its age so I acquired an Australian Flag. As you can see it came in for quite a bit of use too. Both of these flags were stored in a thick brown paper bag each and kept in a light and dust free drawer. They have been well used and are still capable of even more use - if needed.

I lived in London for 2 years. When I came back the tree came in for less attention. Golf gave way to water skiing and boating. The majority of friends I had before going away had dispersed and gradually new people replaced them.

About a week before I was married at the grand old age of 37, I climbed the tree for what I thought may be the last time. This sadly turned out to be the case.

By now it had become obvious that none of her children would be building on the block, so my mother sold it and a block of home units was erected. Too many roots of the tree were destroyed and about 1970, as the tree was dying, the residents had it removed.

That was the end of the tree, but it is not the end of the flag.

Earlier this year, 2012, The National Trust magazine carried a request for a Union Flag to fly during the 150th Anniversary Celebrations of Queensland's Old Government House. I contacted the relevant person and was surprised to have my offer of the flag welcomed. I was invited to attend the celebrations on 6 May 2012 and, whilst there, donated the flag to Old Government House.

MY FLAG now has a renewed life in a most august role - flying above Queensland's Old Government House.

Do we have time to show the 150th Celebrations? Most of these were taken by me and there are additions from the Curator.

Noela was a vibrant part of the meetings and always pleasant and sociable to us all. The WMHS will miss her part in the meetings and the part she played in keeping the history of Wynnum.

Fond memories, Fay Sheriff

Vale Noela Stratton

Even though our paths in life have not coincided at times, I have known Noela and her family for about 80 years going back to my primary school days. I remember well being taught by Noela's father, Alby Charlton, at Manly State School; a time I will not expand on now.

The Charlton residence, on a large allotment situated behind the Masonic Hall fronting Walnut Street and backing on to Penfold Parade, allowed the keeping of poultry; pigeons with other pets beneath a large hoop pine tree. In her youth, as one might say, Noela was quite a "tom boy". She could be seen on many occasions perched high in that tree reading a book while enjoying the sights of the surroundings. On special occasions, Australia Day, Anzac Day, Queen's Birthday, Christmas/New Year, visits from foreign dignitaries and special occasions of any type, a flag would be hoisted and would be seen fluttering from the top of the Charlton's pine tree.

In 1945, with the end of WW2, this piece of material, 3 feet high and 6 feet long, Union Jack, as Noela described as "My Flag" was hoisted by her to fly majestically for all to see from the Charlton Pine tree. The Australian flag did not become our official flag until 1953. Protocol dictated she should have referred to her flag as the "Union Flag". A talk given by Noela on 18 October 2012 titled "MY FLAG" tells of the antics she and her brother Eric involved themselves in that hoop pine tree, swinging from the branches. When the Australian Flag was the one to be flown the old "Union Flag" was showing its age.

As time went by Noela lived in London for 2 years. When home again less attention was given to the tree. Noela's leisure time changed to golf, water- skiing, surfing and boating. At the age of 37, a week before Noela married Ken Stratton, she climbed that hoop pine. This sadly for her was the last time she was able to climb the tree she so loved. Noela and Ken lived away from the district where they raised their two children, Peter and Carla.

Mrs Charlton after her husband, Alby's death sold the block of land on which the tree stood. A block of units was erected interfering with the many roots of the large pine. About 1970 the tree was dying and had to be removed; the end of the tree, but not the end of the flag. The National Trust requested a Union Jack to fly during the 150th Anniversary Celebrations of Queensland's Old Government House. Noela attended the celebrations on 6th May 2012 and whilst there donated 'Her Flag' to Old Government House.

It was not until the death of Ken's mother, Elsie Stratton, that Ken and Noela returned to Wynnum to live at the Stratton home at 101 Carlton Terrace Manly, close to my residence at 110 Carlton Terrace.

The Society welcomed Noela as a member in 1991 and she joined the committee in 1999. 2000 to 2001 she took on the role of Membership Coordinator and 2002 and 2003 Noela was our President. 2004 to 2010 she was back to handling the Membership Coordinator role. In 2010, Noela was awarded a Life Membership of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc. The following years Noela remained as a committee member. During this time Noela, with her cousin Averill, researched and wrote in depth the history of the Charlton family.

Also Noela found time to be President of the Queensland Ambulance Historical Society and Museum. Her love of photography resulted in an accumulation of photographs of events etc.

Her failing health found her forced to leave her Carlton Terrace home to be a resident at the Prinz Willam Nursing Home at Birkdale on her 90th birthday.

One of our committed members of the Society, Noela Stratton, at the age of 91 passed away on the night of the 3rd August 2021.

By Myrtle Beitz

Founding member of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.

By Jill Greenhill

This is the Walter Henry Barnes Memorial, located, over the road, opposite the "Pelican's Nest" on Wynnum Central Esplanade, between Florence and Edith Streets.

The Memorial was erected in 1933 to commemorate the life of WH Barnes who was the first State Member for Wynnum, when the seat was founded in 1923. Previously Barnes had been member for Bulimba 1901 to 1915 and 1918 to 1923.



Walter Henry Barnes
1858 - 1933



**Where was I?
July 2021.**

Barnes was born in 1858 in Castlemaine, Victoria and came to Queensland with his family when he was six years old. He gained work in the saddler business, then worked for Cobb and Co. coaches. He next worked for the Post Office, then in 1884 joined his brother George's successful and growing Produce and General Merchant business in Warwick. The business was expanding and Walter moved to Brisbane to become manager of the Roma Street business, a position he held for many years until he became managing director of the company.

Both George and Walter entered politics, George for Warwick and Walter in Brisbane. Walter was a member of the Coorparoo Shire Council for 25 years of which body he was five times Chairman. He first entered Parliament in 1901 as member for Bulimba succeeding Sir James R Dickson who left State politics for Federal Parliament. Except for a break of three years he represented Bulimba and then Wynnum in the Queensland Legislative Assembly until his death in February 1933.

Walter became fully immersed in the community life of Wynnum Manly. He was patron of the local Show Society and of sporting clubs, sailing, tennis, cricket and bowls, and participated in the Musical Society. He was President of the Brisbane City Mission and both the YMCA and RSPCA and through his efforts the duplication of the Brisbane to Cleveland railway line took place.

Walter died on 19 February 1933 aged 74 years and was buried at South Brisbane Cemetery.

When next walking along by the Wading Pool, look for the plaque on the memorial. Very fitting is the inscription....

"His race well run, his work well done."

Till next time.

Jill

**Where am I?
September
2021.**



September comes from the Latin word septem, meaning "seven," because it was the seventh month of the early Roman calendar. In the ancient Roman calendar, October was the name of the eighth month of the year.

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE QUEENSLAND

Mark Peachey, Telephonist, Wynnum, to be Postman, Beaudesert, at his present salary, from 30th June, 1921;

Commonwealth of Australia Gazette (National : 1901 - 1973), Thursday 1 September 1921 (No.69), page 1271

WYNNUM PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

There was a large attendance at the fortnightly meeting of the Wynnum and District Progress Association. Alderman H. J. Scott (president) in the chair. Sympathetic reference was made by the chairman to the loss Australia had suffered in the death of Mr. T. J. Ryan, M.P. and a motion of condolence with the deceased widow was passed, members standing. The president also referred, to the death of Mr A. Machin a member of the association who had worked long and hard for the district. It was remarked that a letter of condolence with the deceased relatives had already been sent and that a wreath had been forwarded as a token of respect. Correspondence included letters from Wynnum West Progress and Fruitgrowers' Association (requesting co-operation in matters of mutual interest) and from the Gordon Cricket Club, regarding the use of the wicket in Russell Park. The secretary was requested to get into touch with the Town Council, and suggest an arrangement whereby the clubs in Wynnum and Manly would receive equal consideration. An interim report by Alderman E. A. Tardent concerning the financial circumstances of the Wynnum Town Council was read. A further report will be furnished as soon as the financial investigations are complete and, in this connection it proposed to call a public meeting for the purpose of fully placing the unsatisfactory position before the residents. Mr. W. Dartnell was elected a member of the association. It was agreed to nominate Alderman J. Patterson and Mr. Houston to the vacancies on the local ambulance committee.

Daily Standard (Brisbane, Qld. : 1912 - 1936), Saturday 24 September 1921, page 10

T. J. Ryan. 1 Jul 1876 - 1 Aug 1921 (age 45) Former Leader of the Opposition

Thomas Joseph Ryan KC was an Australian politician who served as Premier of Queensland from 1915 to 1919, as leader of the state Labor Party. He resigned to enter federal politics, sitting in the House of Representatives for the federal Labor Party from 1919 until his premature death less than two years later.

WYNNUM SHARES GRIEF OF TERRIBLE TRAGEDY 75 KILLED Mount Mulligan Mine Disaster



TOWN OF WYNNUM MT. MULLIGAN EXPLOSION.

By request I have opened a subscription list to assist in affording immediate financial assistance to the Widows and Orphans, caused by the above catastrophe.

Amounts may be forwarded to me at Coorooka, Wynnum road, or to the Town Clerk at Town Hall, Wynnum.

J. W. GREENE, Mayor.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS.

WYNNUM, September 23.

A concert was given in the Wynnum Methodist Church on Thursday night in aid of the fund for erecting a belfry and bell. The bell measures 20in and weighs 1¾ cwt, and the total cost is £97. Donations to the present total £60. The Mayor (Ald J W Greene) presided, and the Mayoress rang the bell for the first time. The choir rendered several part songs, and others who contributed to the programme were Mrs Gunderson, Misses Finlayson, Holmes, Messrs, Tamblyn, Luke, Kennedy, Allison Plant.

A coin evening, in aid of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Hostel Fund, organised by the Mayor and Mayoress of Wynnum, was held in the School of Arts Wynnum South on Thursday. The hall and tables were tastefully decorated. Those who contributed to the programme included Mesdames Cumow, Turpin, Misses Finlayson, Enid Tardent, and Mr Luke. Mr. Leacock delivered a short address About £9 was taken at the door.

Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864 - 1933), Monday 26 September 1921, page 8



On the 19th day of September, 1921, at 9:25 a.m., a violent explosion occurred in the underground workings of Mount Mulligan Mine, killing seventy-three men outright, and so badly injuring two others that they succumbed shortly afterwards.

That an explosion of coal dust originated at the face of No. 11 gateway, Fitzpatrick's machine wall, south side, No. 2 seam, and travelled the working faces and roads of the mine and passed out of the entrance of both intake and return tunnels.

OLD MAN DROWNED.

A WYNNUM TRAGEDY.

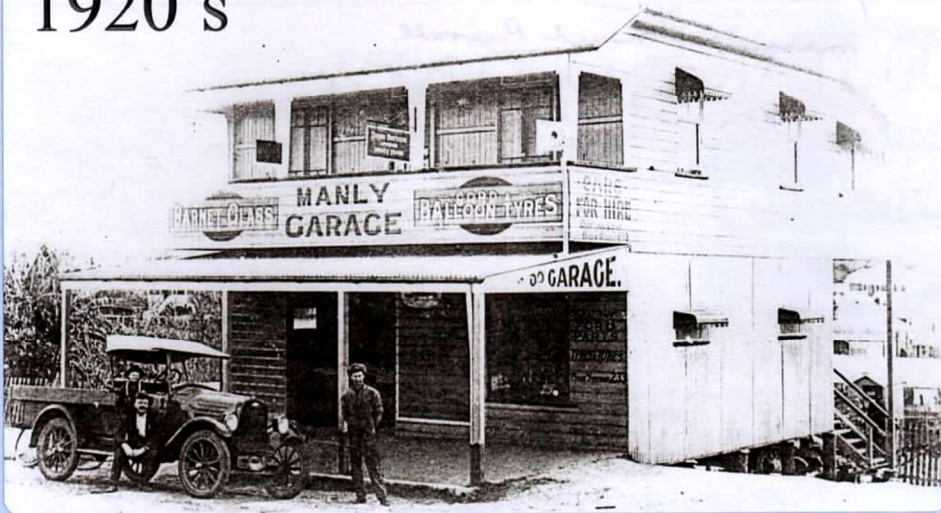
WYNNUM, Monday.- A fatality occurred in Wynnum this morning, when Mr. John Dreghorn, an old man and much esteemed resident, met his death by drowning at No. 2 jetty. It appears that about 9 o'clock Mr Dreghorn left his home in Edith-street, Wynnum South, for his usual morning walk, and proceeded down to No. 2 jetty where it was his custom to take off his slippers and bathe his feet. He was seen by the caretaker of the baths to enter the bathing enclosure. About 10 minutes later the caretaker saw the body floating face downwards in the water, which was only 2 feet deep at the time. The alarm was at once given, and Sergeant Donnelly, with Constable Doherty and Dr. A. P. Ross, were quickly on the scene. Nurse Fabian, who was passing, also rendered valuable assistance, but without avail.

The doctor pronounced life extinct. It is surmised that the deceased must have slipped on the steps and struck his head. He was a native of Kilmarnock, Scotland, and had attained the age of 93 years. He came to Queensland in 1888, and entered farming pursuits at Blackbutt. Mr. Dreghorn leaves a family of five sons and six daughters.

Daily Mail (Brisbane, Qld. : 1903 - 1926), Tuesday 27 September 1921, page 8

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1920's



Dating the image



A Dodge Brothers sign is seen hanging from the second level of the Manly Garage. Chrysler changed the name "Dodge Brothers" to "Dodge" in 1930.



'Barnet Glass' signs are displayed on the front of the Manly Garage. Barnet Glass (1849-1918), was a rubber manufacturer, and was born at Walkivich, Russia (Poland), and as a young man he worked in Manchester, England, where he learned the processes of manufacturing waterproof clothing, before emigrating to Australia and setting up his company.

A sign promotes 'Balloon Tyres', a type of low-pressure tyre, these tyres were used in various types of automobiles to increase the area of road surface contact with its low internal air pressure and were invented in 1923.

In 1929 the company merged with its old rival the Dunlop Rubber Co. Barnet Glass Co. manufactured and traded as a separate organisation until 1937, when its manufacturing activities at Footscray were transferred to the Dunlop factories.

ENGAGED



Miss Dulcie Gierke (eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gierke, Station Street, Manly) whose engagement to Mr. W. Kydd (eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Kydd, Miles Street, Coolangubra), has been announced.
—Roy Cooper Studios



2021

Connection to the Mayor

Proprietor of the Manly Garage was John Jack Gierke who married Maud Russell (daughter of Richard Russell - Wynnum Town Mayor) on the 1st January 1916.



Richard Russell, Mayor of Wynnum.



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Catholic Advocate Brisbane,
 28 October 1926, page 52

Courier-Mail 30 January 1939
 Courtesy Trove NLA

What THE?

VINTAGE THEMED PUZZLES

Can you score the full 10 points?



Where is this local plaque? **2 Points**



Bonus Points:
Who's this?
Male actor (1 point)
Actress (1 point)
and what movie? (1 point)

LOCAL STREET

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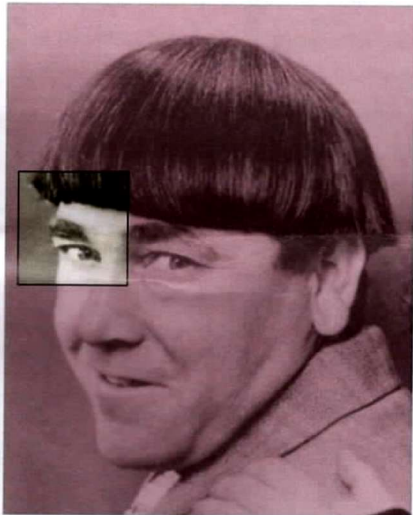
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3 Points

Email your answers to newsletter@wmhs.org.au or you can leave them at the resource centre

Answers for last month (August '21)

Did you score the full 10 points?



A. Moses Harry Horwitz, known professionally as Moe Howard **3 Points**



Bonus Points:
Who's this? Betty Grable
and what movie?
The Beautiful Blonde
from Bashful Bend
(1 point each)



Where is this? Little Bayside Park, Royal Esp, Manly (1 point) What is the full date? 17th Nov 1882 (2 points)

For resourceful people this ones too easy!

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2 Points



Upcoming Events

What's On

Compiled by
Sandy Liddle

WYNNUM

MANLY

HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.



When

Where

What's On

September 18
12.30pm – 4.30pm

Cost \$15

Bookings ph 0421 344 503

**Sherwood Indooroopilly RSL
Sub Branch**
2 Clewley Street
Corinda

Tents to Townhouses

Seminar presented by Brisbane History Group and hosted by Oxley-Chelmer History Group. It will provide an introduction to the local history of the suburbs of Chelmer, Graceville, Sherwood, Corinda and Oxley.

September 18
9.30am – 11am

Cost \$25

Bookings essential via [Eventbrite](#)
or phone 0498 382 899

**Walking Tour departing from
Old Government House**
2 George Street
Brisbane
(meet at the Bunya Pine at
Old Government House)

What was the point of Gardens Point?

Join Brisbane Living Heritage Network as Katie McConnel, Curator of Old Government House, takes you on an exploration of the Indigenous and colonial history, geography and botanical highlights of an area variously known as Binilla, the Government Garden, Garden Point and now Gardens Point.

September 26
11am – 12.30pm

Cost Free

Bookings essential via [Eventbrite](#)
or by phoning 3364 6432

Queensland Police Museum
200 Roma Street
Brisbane

NOTE: The event will also be
livestreamed but you need
to book to receive the link.

Brisbane Outrage: the 1927 bombing of the CIB building

Queensland Police Museum Curator Lisa Jones will present "**Brisbane Outrage: the 1927 bombing of the CIB building**" to discuss this fascinating piece of Queensland Police history. She will tell the story of two criminals whose long list of mistakes led them to make a desperate attempt to wipe the prospect of jail time from their futures.

October 9
10am – 2pm

Cost Gold Coin donation

Phone 0490 386 396 for more
details.

**Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel and
Cemetery**
1341 Wynnum Road
Tingalpa

Free parking at Smiths Chips
factory next door.

Decoration Pioneer Day

Open day at the Cemetery celebrating 153 years since consecration of the land. Food trucks, stalls, local musicians, history, \$1 book sale and Austin 7 Car Club display will be part of the festivities.

October 9
9am – 1pm

Cost \$35 includes morning tea

Bookings essential via [Eventbrite](#)
or phone 3221 4198

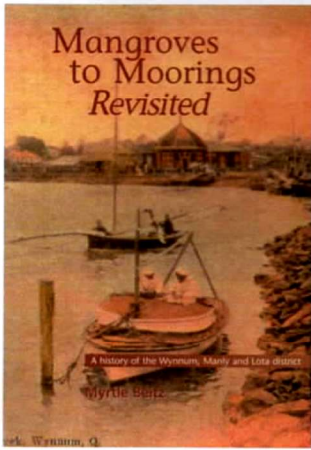
Royal Qld Historical Society
Commissariat Store
115 William Street
Brisbane

Queensland's earliest surveyors: Who, what and where

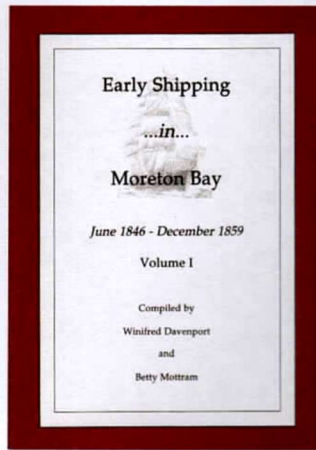
This conference to commemorate some of Queensland's most significant early surveyors will feature ten speakers.



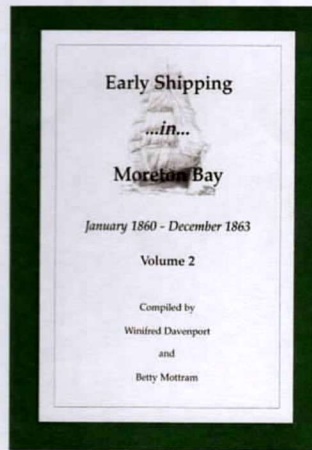
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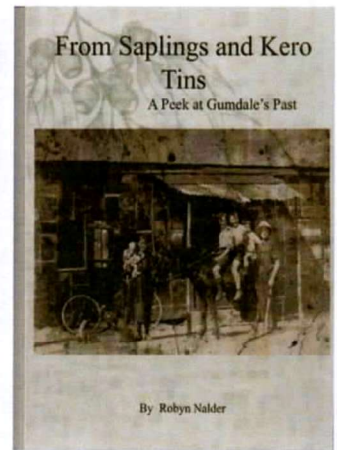
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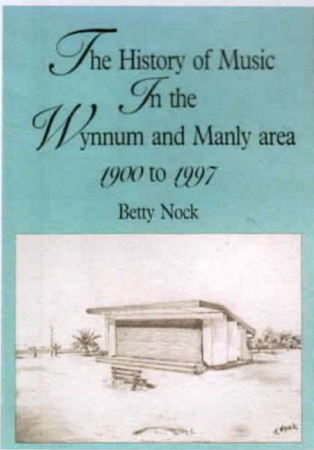
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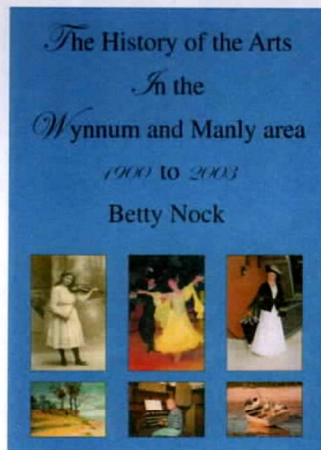
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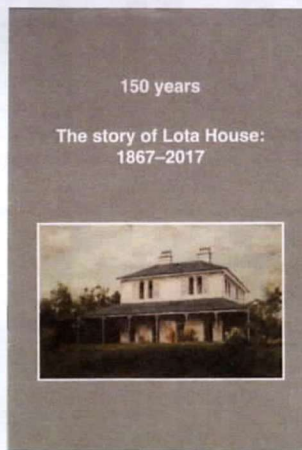
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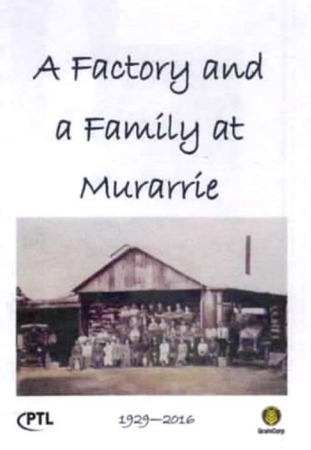
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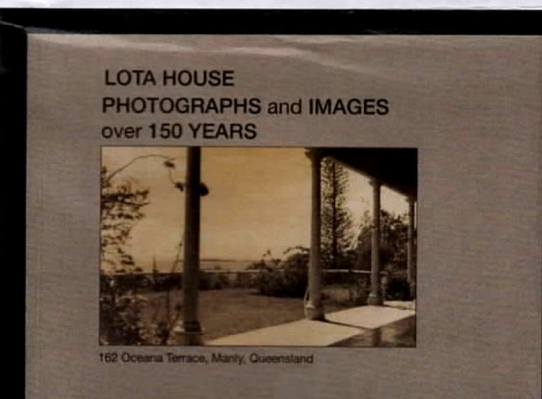
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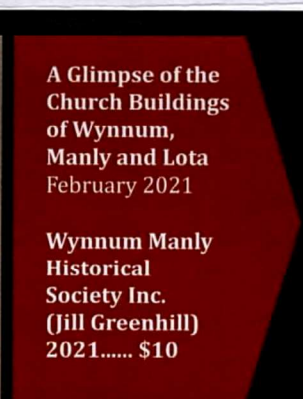
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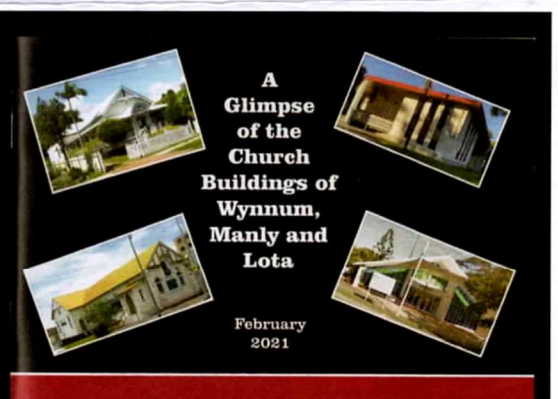


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A Glimpse of the Church Buildings of Wynnum, Manly and Lota
February 2021

Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.
(Jill Greenhill)
2021..... \$10



A Glimpse of the Church Buildings of Wynnum, Manly and Lota

February 2021

Wynnum Community Centre,
Room 1.08, 105 Florence Street, Wynnum
Mon to Fri 10am to Noon.

Email library@wmhs.org.au





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